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SUBJECT: THOMSON'S VISIT TO VIENNA: SOVIET AND  
INDIAN VIEWS ON PNE COMMITTEE

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1. IN CONVERSATION WITH ME AT UK MISSION 1/17,  
THOMSON SAID THAT SINCE OUR MEETING THE PREVIOUS DAY,  
HE HAD DISCUSSED IDEA OF PNE COMMITTEE WITH SOVIET  
RESREP (AMBASSADOR ARKADIEV) AND INDIAN RESREP  
(AMBASSADOR MEHTA). THOMSON WAS SURPRISED TO FIND  
THAT MEHTA WAS VERY WELL INFORMED ABOUT ELEMENTS OF  
UK PROPOSAL, THOUGH HE HAD NOT BEEN AMONGH PARTICIPANTS  
AT MEETINGS HERE ON THS SUBJECT. THOMSON THEREFORE  
CONSIDERED THAT IT WOULD BE BEST - AND I EMPHATICALLY  
AGREED - TO SHOW THE LATEST UK DRAFT TO MEHTA AND  
SOLICIT HIS COMMENTS. MEHTA'S FIRST REACTION WAS TO ASK  
WHETHER CREATION OF COMMITTEE WAS "AN ATTEMPT TO PILLORY  
INDIA." HE WAS ASSURED BY THOMSON THAT THIS WAS  
DEFINITELY NOT THE CASE. ADDRESSING THE UK DRAFT, MEHTA  
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EXPRESSED PLEASURE THAT PREAMBULAR PARA (B) DID NOT

DISCRIMINATE BETWEEN NPT PARTIES AND NON-PARTIES IN THE PROVISION OF PNE SERVICES.

2. ARKADIEV'S COMMENTS TO THOMSON WERE PREDICTABLE. THOMSON WAS TREATED TO USUAL SOVIET ARGUMENT THAT PROVISION OF SERVICES ENVISIONED IN ARTICLE V TO NON-PARTIES TO NPT WOULD BE A VIOLATION OF THE TREATY. THOMSON RECEIVED IMPRESSION, HOWEVER, THAT SOVIETS WOULD HAVE NO SERIOUS PROBLEMS WITH PROPOSED RESOLUTION. (FYI: IN CONVERSATION WITH ME SAME DAY, ARKADIEV EXPRESSED HIS BELIEF THAT MOSCOW WOULD NOT BE ENTIRELY HAPPY WITH UK RESOLUTION. HIS PERSONAL VIEW WAS THAT PREAMBLE WAS TOO LONG AND IT WAS CLEAR THAT HE THOUGHT OMISSION OF PARA (B) WOULD BE EXCELLENT FIRST STEP IN SHORTENING IT. END FYI)

3. COMMENT: IN THE MISSION'S JUDGMENT, IT WAS VERY PRUDENT TO BRING INDIA INTO THE CIRCLE OF PARTICIPANTS IN THESE DISCUSSIONS AND TO REASSURE THEM ON THE PURPOSE OF THE PNE COMMITTEE. HOPEFULLY, IT WILL SERVE TO ALLAY SUSPICION ON INDIA'S PART THAT MAY 18 EVENT HAS EXCLUDED HER FROM PNE DISCUSSION. PORTER

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